

Hoopa Valley Tribe's

Telecommunication Committee

2002-2003

History:

Under President Clinton's "**Digital Divide Initiative**" to bridge the gap between rural and urban communities the Hoopa Valley Tribe formed a technical advisory committee for the Hoopa Tribal Council on complicated issues of technical development. The committee is made up of computer technicians, technical staff, and community members. This committee is led by the Council liaison, A. Billy Colegrove, Vice Chairman of the Hoopa Tribal Council and coordinated by Pamela Mattz, Danielle Vigil-Masten, Brandy Morton.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Telecommunication Committee is to provide an understanding of modern day technology and to assist with future planning of telecommunications projects, and to enhance the communication process to community and the Hoopa Valley Tribe.

Current Projects:

- In February 2002, the Hoopa Valley Tribe networked all the Tribal Offices to the **T1 line** to speed up communications and Internet services.
Status: Completed
- In March 2002, the Hoopa Valley Tribe approved a **Digital Electronic Filing System** called Doc Star to maintain tribal records and accessibility.
Status: Completed
- In April 2002, the Telecommunication Committee met with the General Service Administration to plan a **cell phone tower** for emergencies and Valley wide communication services for our membership. Note: the cell phone tower will be solar powered.
Status: Phase II (Completion date October 2003)
- In April 2002, the Hoopa Valley Tribe processed and changed over **to Sprint Telephone** service, since they offered Government rates of 2.9 cents a minute, and this change allowed us to save capital for a Cell Phone Tower Project.
Status: Completed
- In April 2002, the Hoopa Valley Tribe approved and the construction of a high-powered **Web Page** for online communication with our membership, and will have the capability to market our timber and aggregate to the populist. Look for our web page at www.hoopa-nsn.gov
Status: Completion date September 30, 2002